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August 28, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

1 August 28, 2012

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PUBLIC HEARING
RESOLUTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF HALFORD STREET
NORTHEAST OF LONGMONT AVENUE
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST SAN GABRIEL
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action involves the proposed vacation of a portion of Halford Street northeast of Longmont Avenue in the unincorporated community of East San Gabriel, which is no longer needed for public use. The vacation has been requested by the underlying property owners to eliminate encroachment of existing structures and allow for a uniform right-of-way width along Halford Street.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Find that this action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Find that a portion of Halford Street northeast of Longmont Avenue in the unincorporated community of East San Gabriel is unnecessary for present or prospective public use, and is not useful as a nonmotorized transportation facility.

3. Find that the public convenience and necessity require the reservation and exception of an easement and right of way for the maintenance, operation, replacement, removal, and renewal of utility facilities located within the portion of Halford Street northeast of Longmont Avenue in the unincorporated community of East San Gabriel, owned by Southern California Edison Company in accordance with Sections 8340 and 8341 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
4. Adopt a Resolution to Vacate a portion of Halford Street northeast of Longmont Avenue with Reservations, pursuant to Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
5. Upon approval, authorize the Director of Public Works to record the certified resolution with the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow the County of Los Angeles (County) to vacate a portion of Halford Street northeast of Longmont Avenue (Easement), in the unincorporated community of East San Gabriel, since it no longer serves the purpose for which it was dedicated and is not required for public access or transportation.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1). The vacation of the Easement will result in added revenue through assessment and taxation and reduce the County's exposure to potential liability.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The vacation of the Easement will not have a negative fiscal impact on the County's budget. The applicant has paid a \$1,500 fee to defray the expenses of the investigation, mailings, publication, and posting. This amount has been deposited into the Road Fund. The fee was authorized by your Board in a resolution adopted May 4, 1982, Synopsis 62 (Fee Schedule), and as prescribed in Section 8321(d) of the California Streets and Highways Code.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The area to be vacated contains approximately 1,957 square feet and is shown on the map that is attached to the enclosed Resolution to Vacate with Reservations.

The procedure of the vacation of a County highway is set forth in Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the California Streets and Highways Code commencing with Section 8320.

Pursuant to Section 8320, your Board may initiate proceedings to vacate a public highway by having the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors set a date (not less than 15 days after the initiation of proceedings), hour, and place for a hearing on the vacation.

Pursuant to Section 8322, notice of the hearing must be published for at least two successive weeks prior to the hearing in a daily, semiweekly, or weekly newspaper published and circulated in the County.

Pursuant to Section 8323, at least two weeks before the day set for the hearing, at least three notices of the hearing must be posted conspicuously along the line of the highway proposed to be vacated.

Pursuant to Section 8324, your Board may adopt a resolution vacating the highway if, after considering all the evidence offered at the hearing, your Board determines that the highway is unnecessary for present or prospective public use.

Additionally, pursuant to Sections 892 and 8314, your Board must also find that the highway proposed to be vacated is not useful as a nonmotorized transportation facility, prior to resolving to vacate the highway.

The County's interest in the Easement was acquired by a Road Deed recorded on March 4, 1954, as Document No. 1992, Book 43989, page 304, of Official Records, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, as an easement for public road and highway purposes.

The vacation has been requested by Michael T. Kowalski and Associates, on behalf of Mr. Ramadas Abboy along with other adjoining property owners, to eliminate the encroachment of portions of existing structures. The vacation will result in the property being unencumbered of the excess easement, thereby allowing the underlying property owners to exercise their reversionary rights over the vacated area. Also, the vacation allows for a uniform right-of-way width along Halford Street.

The proposed vacation was reviewed by the County Sanitation Districts, Fire Department, Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Department of Regional Planning, as well as the Department of Public Works. It was determined to be not useful as a nonmotorized transportation facility, and meets with the goals and objectives of the Community Plan and underlying zoning.

Easement rights for existing facilities will be reserved for Southern California Edison Company pursuant to Sections 8340 and 8341 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. The proposed vacation of the Easement is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria of Sections 15305 and 15321 of the State CEQA Guidelines. In addition, the project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption under Section 15305 inapplicable based on the project records.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will allow for additional property taxes through the vacation of the Easement.

Existing easement rights for utility facilities will be reserved for Southern California Edison Company pursuant to Sections 8340 and 8341 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

CONCLUSION

The Department of Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division, will post notices of the hearing in accordance with Section 8323 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and one original and one copy of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division, together with a copy of your Board's minute order. Retain one original for your files.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER

Director

GF:SGS:mr

Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division - Asset
Management)
Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office

**RESOLUTION TO VACATE
A PORTION OF HALFORD STREET
NORTHEAST OF LONGMONT AVENUE WITH RESERVATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has conducted a noticed public hearing regarding the proposed vacation of a portion of Halford Street northeast of Longmont Avenue in the unincorporated community of East San Gabriel (hereinafter referred to as the Easement), in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, as legally described in Exhibit A and depicted on Exhibit B, both attached hereto, in accordance with Chapter 3, Part 3, Division 9, of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California, commencing with Section 8320, and has considered all evidence submitted at the hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Easement is unnecessary for present or prospective public use, and is not useful as a nonmotorized transportation facility.
2. That the public convenience and necessity require the reservation and exception of an easement and right of way for the maintenance, operation, replacement, removal, and renewal of utility facilities located within the portion of Halford Street, owned by Southern California Edison Company in accordance with Sections 8340 and 8341 of said Streets and Highways Code of the State of California.
3. That the above-described Easement is hereby vacated pursuant to Chapter 3, Part 3, Division 9, of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California, commencing with Section 8320; reserving and excepting therefrom an easement and right of way for the maintenance, operation, replacement, removal, and renewal of utility facilities located within a portion of Halford Street in favor of Southern California Edison Company.
4. That the Director of Public Works, or her designee, is authorized to record the certified original resolution with the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles.

The foregoing resolution was on the 28th day of August, 2012, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts.

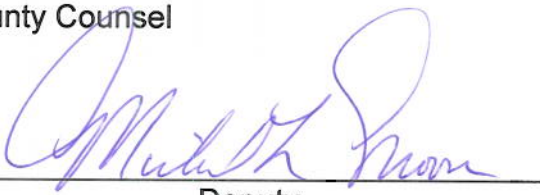
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI
County Counsel

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles



By


Deputy

By


Deputy

EXHIBIT A

Project name: **HALFORD STREET NORTHEAST OF
LONGMONT AVENUE 1-4VAC**
A.I.N. 5376-028- Halford Street (por)
T.G. 566-F7
I.M. 144-257
R.D. 519
S.D. 5
M1088116

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PARCEL NO. 1-4VAC (Vacation of public road and highway easement):

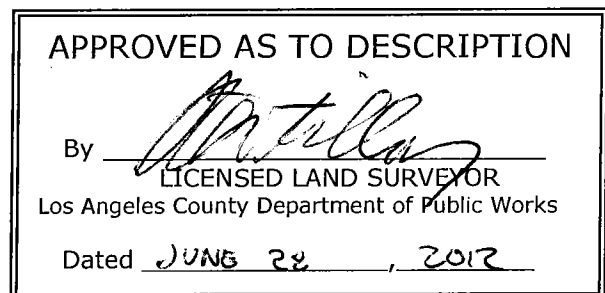
That portion of the southeasterly 20 feet of the Southern Pacific R.R. right of way (abandoned), as shown on map of Tract No. 14376, recorded in Book 314, pages 19, 20, and 21, of Maps, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, within the following described boundaries:

Beginning at the intersection of the westerly line of said Tract no. 14376 with the northwesterly sideline of a strip of land 25 feet wide, the southeasterly sideline of said strip being the centerline of Halford Street, as said centerline is shown on said map; thence along said northwesterly sideline the following courses and curve: North 56°11'10" East 14.31 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve concave to the northwest and having a radius of 275 feet, northeasterly along said curve, through a central angle of 08°23'50", an arc distance of 40.30 feet, and North 47°47'20" East 116.77 feet to the northwesterly sideline of said southeasterly 20 feet of the Southern Pacific R.R. right of way; thence South 56°11'10" West, along said last-mentioned northwesterly sideline, a distance of 162.23 feet to said westerly line of Tract No. 14376; thence South 12°37'30" East, along said westerly line, a distance of 21.45 feet to the point of beginning.

RESERVING easements and rights for utility facilities owned by Southern California Edison Company in, on, over, and across the above-described Parcel No. 1-4VAC hereby being vacated.

The reservation herein being made is done in accordance with the provisions of Sections 8340 and 8341 of the Streets and Highways Code, State of California.

Containing: 1,957± square feet.



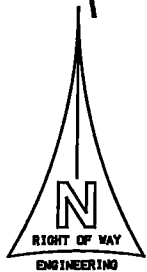
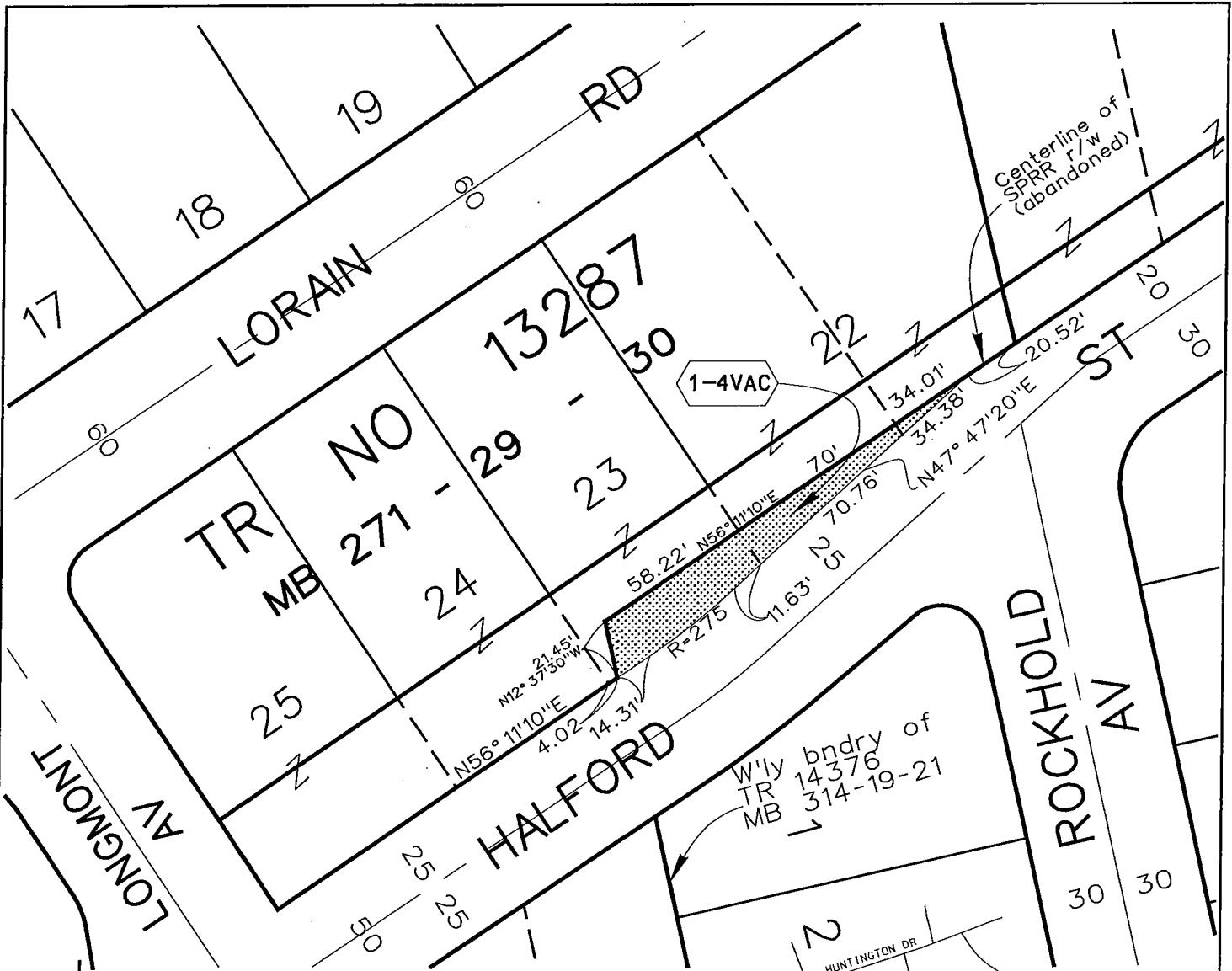
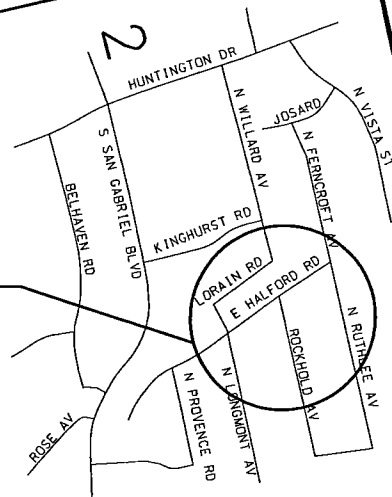


EXHIBIT B

SUBJECT LOCATION



LEGEND

Areas to be vacated
 Parcel No. 4-1VAC
 Total Area: 1,957± s.f.

ALL IN THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REVISION

MAP PREPARED BY

N. SALAZAR

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

SURVEY/MAPPING & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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SCALE

DATE

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HALFORD ST NE/O
 LONGMONT AVE

DRAWING NO.

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